

FISCAL NOTE

HB 393 - SB 644

March 18, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the court to appoint a guardian ad litem, who may be an attorney or a court-appointed special advocate in cases involving an abused or neglect child. Any court-appointed special advocate shall be trained in accordance with the standards of the Tennessee Court-Appointed Special Advocate Association. Current law provides that the court only appoint a guardian ad litem who is an attorney.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Minimal

Assumes a guardian ad litem will be paid the same fee whether an attorney or a court appointed special advocate.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being the most prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director